

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the title with the following amended title --ESD TOOL FOR DEVICE UNDER TEST BOARDS--.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] As noted above, static electricity can build up during the loading and unloading of DIPs 10 in sockets 20 and in handling the boards 18 for insertion into or removal from an electronic test system. In accordance with the invention, an anti-electrostatic discharge (ESD) tool shown generally at 30 in accordance with an embodiment of the invention is provided for preventing electrostatic discharge (ESD) from damaging the DIPs 10. As shown in Fig. 2 and in more detail of Fig. 3, tool 30 includes a frame portion 32 of a conductive metal such as aluminum with two guides 34, 36 on opposing edges of one side of frame 32 for slidably receiving DUT board 18. Stops ~~[[38]]~~ 37 are provided to limit the travel of DUT board 18 during insertion in the guides. Also mounted on the one side of tool 30 are a plurality of shorting connectors 38 which electrically engage contacts of the test sockets and the lead of DUTs 10.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] Fig. 5 is an exploded perspective view of an electrical shorting connector on the tool of Figs. 2, 3, 4 in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Fine wire brush ~~[[50]]~~ 38 is configured to place through slots 52 in frame 32 of tool 30 with plates 54 fastened to frame 32 to maintain the fine wire brush in slots 52 and extending from the other side of frame 32, as shown in Fig. 3, for example. The wire brush provides sufficient rigidity and flexibility so that the solder points 40 on DUT board 18 are physically and electrically contacted when board 18 is inserted fully in guides 34, 36 of tool 30.